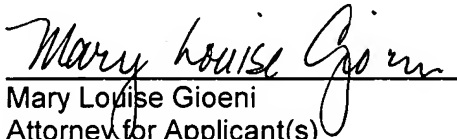


REMARKS

The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicates that the amendment document filed on January 26, 2004, a response to a Communication from the Office, is considered non-compliant because each claim was not provided with the proper status identifier, and, specifically, that claim 25 had no status identifier. Accordingly, The "Amendments to the claims" section of the document is now resubmitted, the lack of status identifier for claim 25 is corrected. As the amendment now contains the proper status identifiers for all claims, including claim 25, it is believed that the amendment is compliant with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121.

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